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LONDON.—B. ARNOLD, 11, E. G. CLEMENT'S Lane, Lombard Street; E. G. GIBSON, STAFFORD & CO., 30, Cornhill; G. GORDON, GORDON & CO., 37, Walbrook; E. G. BATES, HANCOCK & CO., 37, Walbrook; E. G. SAMUEL, DEACON & CO., 150 & 151, Leadenhall Street; W. M. WILKS, 151, Cannon Street; E. C. ROBERT WATSON, 150, Fleet Street.

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Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.
CAPITAL CALLLED UP, \$21,033,160.

Board of Directors.
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TEHLING, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.

Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained on application.

CHANTREY INGBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 10, 1893. 247

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$3,500,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$10,000,000.
PROPERTIES.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.—
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MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.; LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent, per annum on the daily balance up to \$200,000.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 6 months 3½ per cent; per annum.

Up to \$12 " 4 " on sums in excess of \$200,000.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 28, 1893. 1455

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4½ PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, April 28, 1893. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$1,000,000.
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Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.

For 6 months do. 4½ ".

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Current Accounts 2½ ".

Hongkong, April 27, 1893. 47

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

LATE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$1,500,000.
SUBSCRIBED, \$1,120,000.

Bankers:

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 2½ per Annun on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 12 Months 5%.

For 6 Months 4½ %.

For 3 Months 3½ %.

JOHN THURBIURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 228

Intimations.

KOWLOON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 2.

Exhibition of Waglan Light.

NOTICE is given that the LIGHT OF WAGLAN ISLAND was exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 9th of May, 1893.

The illuminating Apparatus is Revolving Dioptric of the First Order, showing double white flashes at intervals of half a minute.

The Lighthouse stands on the summit of the island, and the Light, which is elevated 225 feet above the level of the sea, should be visible in clear weather at a distance of 22 Nautical Miles in all directions where it is not obscured by land.

N.B.—For the present the Light will only show thirty per cent. of its full power on the landward side, viz.: between the bearings, taken from seawards, North by East round by East to South-East by South.

The Tower is round, of iron, 25 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern wane of 52 feet.

The lower half of the Tower is painted white, the upper half red, and the lantern white.

The Dwellings are white.

Approximate position—

Latitude, 22° 11' 18" N.

Longitude, 114° 18' 1" E.

FOG GUN SIGNAL.

The Keeper at this Station on hearing a bell, foghorn, steam-whistle, or any other sound during foggy or thick weather, indicating the proximity of a vessel, will fire two guns with an interval of fifteen seconds between them, and if the vessel's fog-signal shews that she is under way, continues to be heard, will repeat the firing after an interval of twelve minutes.

J. MCLEAVY BROWN,
Commissioner of Customs for
Kowloon and District.

Telegraphic Address, 1,400 FEET ABOVE THE SEA LEVEL.

PROSPECTIVE TARIF FOR 30TH APRIL, 1893, WITHOUT ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE TO ACCOMMODATION BEING AVAILABLE.

Board and Lodging in the Hotel by the month for one Room.

FOR MARRIED COUPLES—

May 1893. 8
June 1893. 8
July 1893. 8
August 1893. 8
September 1893. 8
October 1893. 8
November 1893. 8

Average rate for the year under \$900

a month.

Board in the Hotel by the month, with Lodging outside the Hotel—

For One Room and Bath Room (unfurnished) 1 person, \$55.00

during May, June, July, August, September and October.

Further Particulars and information on application at the Office of the Company,

38 and 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, or at the HOTEL.

Hongkong, April 27, 1893. 791

SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DES HOUILLÈRES DE TOURNAI.

THE Annual Ordinary General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Société Française des Houillères will take place at Bruxelles, on FRIDAY, 29th May next, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and passing the Accounts.

By Order,

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 4, 1893. 829

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Short RANGE CUP and SPOONS will be Shot for on SATURDAY, the 13th Instant. Ranges, 200 and 300 yards. Time, 3 p.m.

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

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Mails.

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Intimations.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.45 p.m.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")

(Via Southern Line.)

ANOTHER BANK FAILURE.

LONDON, May 10, 1893.

The Bank of Victoria (Australia) has suspended payment.

HOME RULE BILL.

The debate (in Committee) on the Home Rule Bill waxed exceedingly hot, the Opposition railing at the Government's use of the closure. The amendment affirming the supremacy of the Imperial Parliament was rejected. An amendment by Mr. Rodmond to substitute "parliament" for "legislature" was rejected by four hundred and sixty-six votes to forty.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED Suez CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND:—Amherst, Strathroy, March 10; Orion, 24; Iota, April 1; Arthur, 11; York, 14; Dover, April 21; Dromed, 25; Uganda, May 5.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—Florida, Hawick, April 18; Telenor, Manila, 21; Achille, Sachen, 25; Kaisou, Tantalus, May 6, 23.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, May 11.

On London—

Bank Wire, 2/6

" On demand, 2/6

" 30 days' sight, 2/6

" 9 months' sight, 2/6

Credit, 4 2/6

Documentary, 4 months' sight, 2/6

On Paris—

On demand, 3/6

Credit, 4 months' sight, 3/6

On Berlin—Demand, 2/4

On New York—

On demand, 66

Credit, 60 days' sight, 67

On Bombay—

Wire, 220

On demand, 221

On Calcutta—

Wire, 220

On demand, 221

On Shanghai—

On demand, 718

30 days' sight, private paper, 724

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael), \$38.00

Overseas (Bank's buying rate) \$ 7.27

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Sagavan*, with mails, etc., from San Francisco to 26th ult., left Yokohama for this port on Wednesday, May 10, at noon, and may be expected here on or about Monday, May 15.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Sophia*, with the *Empress of Japan*, etc., from San Francisco, on Wednesday, May 10, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, May 17. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on March 8.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's steamer *Empress of Japan*, from Vancouver, left Nagasaki or Hongkong, via Shanghai, May 11.

The Northern Pacific Co.'s s.s. *Mogul*, from Tacoma, Wash., left Yokohama for Hongkong on May 9, via Kobe.

The O. & O. Co.'s *Beldic*, with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu and Yokohama on May 4.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Zidab*, from Bombay, left Singapore on May 6, and may be expected here on or about May 12.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Ulysses* left Singapore on May 9, and may be expected here on or about May 14.

The China Line steamer *Glamorganshire* left Singapore on May 10, and may be expected here on or about May 16.

The D. D. R. s. a. *Gerda*, left Singapore for this port on May 11, and may be expected here on or about May 17.

The P. & O. Co.'s *s. s. Jass* left Bombay for this port on the 1st May.

The N. G. L. s. a. *Bisagon*, left Bombay for this port on the 8th May, and is due here about the end of May.

The N. G. L. steamer *Bisagon* left Bombay for this port on the 9th inst., and is due here about the end of May.

An official telegram from Madrid states that the rising in Cuba has proved abortive and peace has again been restored.

The appointment of Mr Francis G. Coney as Consul for Sweden and Norway at Manila has been approved by the Governor-General.

The C. P. R. s. s. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 2.30 a.m. today and left again at 1 p.m. for Hongkong, via Shanghai.

The Comercio learns that an order will be given to mobilize two hundred men for terminating the band of robbers who from time to time were attacking the people of Nitolo.

A meeting of the Salama Tin Mining Company, Limited (in liquidation), was called for this afternoon to receive the accounts of the liquidator, but as a quorum of shareholders failed to attend, the meeting was postponed till 12.30 p.m. on Saturday.

We hear that a Chinese passenger junk from Cheong-ka to Hongkong while passing the Monkey Island Customs station, near Macao, was boarded by a Customs boat for the purpose of examination, but somehow or other the boat capsized, resulting in the drowning of a petty mandarin and a sailor.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

FIRE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

POTASH WATER.

SALTZER WATER.

LITHIA WATER.

SARASAPILLA WATER.

TONIC WATER.

GINGER ALE.

LEMON SQUASH.

RASPBERRYADE.

No credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

PEAK DELIVERY.—Letters, &c., will be delivered by the 12 and 3.30 o'clock trains for Manila, etc., and for Colombo, etc. Correspondence and Parcels for the Peak may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and in the Letter Boxes in the Care of the Collector of Posts. With regard to Letters from the Peak additional Letter Boxes have been affixed to Police Boxes at Macquarie Gap, by Post Office, and at Mount Kellet, which will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m. Local Rates will be charged. No Sunday delivery. Senders are requested to cancel their Stamps by writing the word "Stamp" across them. Covers containing Bank Notes, &c., should be registered.

There will be Sunday delivery.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Dembitsch* reported

had light breeze and smooth water North

of Formosa; then foggy and brisk breeze

(force 7) down, wind and sea increasing

all the way.

Local rates will be charged.

To avoid robbery, senders of letters from Kowloon are requested to cancel their stamps by writing the word "Stamp" across them.

Covers containing Bank Notes, Jewellery, &c., should be registered.

There will be Sunday delivery.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For *Thales*, for Swatow, Mr. M. S. Abuham.

For *Sutlej*, from Hongkong; for Singapore, Mr. H. H. Moore; for Colombo, Mr. F. B. Hay; for Bombay, Mr. B. Modoi; for Madras, Mr. W. E. Walker; for Madras, Sir George and Mrs. Wood; from Kowloon, Mr. and Mrs. Woolley, child and son; from Yokohama; for Singapore, Mr. John Donald; from Shanghai; for Bombay, Mr. B. D. Khan; for London, Rev. F. B. Modoi; for Wales, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Marsh and 4 children, and Miss Pearson.

DEPARTED.

For *Thales*, for Swatow, Mr. M. S. Abuham.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Spanish steamer *Don Juan* reported

(Force 7), N.E. wind.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the Colony would

privately aid the SENATE OF THE COLLEGE HOSPITAL

(1) Glass Jars (for museum purposes).

(2) Illustrated Papers and Books for the Student's Reading Room and Library.

Address to

JOHN C. THOMSON,

Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

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THE CHINA MAIL.

H. E. Sir D. Ramon Blanco y Escrivá, the new Governor General of the Philippines, arrived at Manila board the mail steamer *Isla de Fuego* on the 8th May, at 4 p.m. His Excellency signified his intention of landing at 7 o'clock in the morning of the following day, but the principal authorities went on board the mail steamer to pay their respects to the new Governor General on the same afternoon. Among those who went on board were the acting Governor General and the Civil Governor of Manila. On the morning of the 9th, shortly after seven o'clock, the Governor General came ashore in the Government launch. After exchanging the usual compliments with those on the wharf General Blanco and suite entered the Government carriage and proceeded to the Cathedral, where a *Tedeum* was sung. And then to the Senate House, where the ceremony of swearing in was gone through. The next item in the programme was the review of the troops, which was witnessed by the new Governor General from the balcony of the Senate House, accompanied by the acting Governor General. The party adjourned then to the reception hall, where the officials were received in the order of rank, and General Blanco left; after the reception, for Government House accompanied by the Municipal body. The streets through which the Governor's party passed on landing were decorated with evergreens, flowers, banners, and triumphal arches, and there was a general illumination of the whole town at night.

At the Magistracy to-day Captain Hastings committed a fortune-teller for trial at the Criminal Sessions for defrauding a man of \$104. The complainant, it appeared from the evidence, had arrived in Hongkong from the country, and called upon the accused who professed to have the gift of seeing into the future and of foretelling the events that are to befall his clients. In this particular case, after a good deal of incantation, he gave the complainant a slip of paper professively written by a medium or some other otherwise-having, but in reality written by himself, and on this document the complainant was informed that in a former state of existence he had killed his wife and that the Prince of the Lower Regions, who is not always named in such high sounding phraseology, was pursuing him. Dire retribution was to overtake the Chinese Wagner, and the Chinese Mephistopheles, who had donned Faust's gown for the nonce, advised his client to hand over \$200, for which sum he was prepared to set out for the Kun Kam mountains to endeavour to appease the Prince of the Lower Regions, or, as a "dreadful resort," to appeal to the Angels of light to come to the assistance of their earthly brother—the transgressor of a former state of existence. To stimulate the trust andupidity of the stranger, the fortuneteller assured him that riches would be showered upon him in return for the \$200. Hodge, or Wagner, was the more willing to pay for his knowledge of the future when such payment was likely to procure him ease of mind, safety from the impending calamity, and a plentiful treasure. But, like many more this highly-favoured Colony, he had not the wherewithal. All he could muster was a paltry sum of \$104. He was told not to be cast down. The spirits were capricious—as Professor Baldwin said "sometimes they work, sometimes they don't"—but the fortune-teller was willing to his utmost to set them in motion for the ready money that was available. A month has elapsed since, but up till the present the blessings have not become materialized. Wary of waiting the delayed stranger informed the police yesterday, and, with a readiness to operate which put to shame the inhabitants of another place, Mr. May's satellites soon sought out the fortuneteller and lodged him in durbar. He is not unknown to the police. Several years ago, he had to appear in the Supreme Court in answer to a similar charge, was convicted and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

In our own country consultation of any is regarded as a baneful fiction, and the practice is supposed to be rather prevalent among women, who are more than twenty-five and over seventy-five. In America a similar view is taken of this offence. By a recent decree of their courts of law, a woman was compelled on the husband showing that the bride had concealed the exact number of years that had passed over her head. She pretended to be fifteen years younger than she really was.

At the request of the Board of Management of the West London District School at Ashford, Mr. Percy L. Webster, recently house-surgeon at the Hospital of London, has made a careful investigation into the condition of the children in the West London District School, and the condensed report submitted to the Board of Management is now before us. The examination of the children generally has shown a serious condition of the teeth of both boys and girls, and permanent dentition. Mr. Webster points out that if they continue to be untreated much pain and constitutional disturbance attend upon diseased teeth must result. He has called attention to the fact that the upper set of teeth can only be provided by the services of a dental surgeon, who should be required to devote at least two days a week during a year to put the present inmates in order, and subsequently to attend one day a week to ensure them and new arrivals proper care of their teeth. We understand that this report has been accepted by the Board of Management, and that shortly a dental surgeon will be appointed to the school. In a school of 704 children 663 teeth required extracting from the temporary dentition and 200 from permanent dentition, while over 1000 teeth required stopping. In the winter school there were only 20 children with sound dentitions.

DEATH OF DR. E. P. THWING, M.D., F.R.C.

The sudden death of Dr Thwing was a surprise to all, even to his physician. Though he had been ailing for some months previously, yet he had recovered completely, and his own statement the morning he was taken ill was, "I have never felt better since coming to China." The strain on body and mind occasioned by the anxiety and care of Mrs Thwing, who has been lying sick with typhoid fever, has no doubt weakened his already feeble system, and when symptoms of typhoid began to develop, the time was lost in making him as comfortable as possible. On Tuesday morning he appeared bright and cheerful, but at 8.30 p.m. a decided change for the worse was evident, and at 10 p.m. he passed away. The cause of this without a doubt was perforation of the bowels, which is so much dreaded in every case of typhoid fever, especially in persons advanced in life.

Dr. Edward Payson Thwing was born at Ware, Mass., U.S.A. Aug. 25th, 1853, and died in Canton May 9th, 1893. His last residence in America was at Brooklyn, N.Y., where he held a pastorate for several years. He had, in life, the honor of being associated with illustrious men of both hemispheres, and was the lifelong friend as well as classmate of the late Rev. Bishop Brooks of Mass. Our departed friend and fellow labourer was noted as a Dr. of Medicine; of Philosophy; as a Minister of the Gospel; as a Traveller and an Author. He was a member of the Royal Asiatic Society, Victoria and Art, Society of Science, Lottam and Art, (London) British Medical Association, N. Y. Academy of Anthropology, Medico-Legal Society. He was the author of "Outlines in the Orient"; "Outdoor life in Europe"; "The Persian Queen"; "The King in His Beauty"; "Windows of Character" &c. &c.

He was a philanthropist at home and abroad, and has given of his substance for endowments and education. Many have been brought to Christ and educated for Christian work through his generosity. He was a grand soldier of the "Church Militant"; he is now in the Church Triumphant. The funeral services were held at the home of Dr Kerr at Fuk-fan (Canton), after which his body was carried to its last resting place, in the Missionary Cemetery, outside of the East gate.

His wife and two children in this country and other children in the home country have the sympathy of the entire English-speaking community in Canton.

C. A. N.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

FINAL TIE.

The final tie in the Tennis Championship was played on the Cricket Ground this afternoon, before a large crowd, which included H. E. Sir William Robinson and Lady Robinson. The contestants were H. Pinckney (holder) and Dr Meaden, the latter of whom had played well all through the earlier rounds and who was much fancied after his fine victory over E. J. Coxon.

Meaden started well by winning the first two games playing towards the Parade Ground. Pinckney having won a game, his opponent, after some hard play accounted for the next three, and following this up by winning the seventh game, Pinckney failing to score, won the set in 16 minutes, 6-1. The Director of Public Works said the work ought to be undertaken by the Public Works Department, the Sanitary Board having no machinery for carrying it out.

After some further discussion, it was agreed on the suggestion of the President to appoint Messrs. Cooper, Francis and Humphreys as a committee to consider how the recommendation could best be carried out and to report to the Board.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

It appears from the statistics submitted by the Secretary (Mr. H. McCallum) that the death-rate for the week ending April 29 was 23, as compared with 22, in the corresponding week last year. Appended to the return, was the following statement by Mr. McCallum:—The feature of most importance in this return is the two deaths reported from smallpox. Eight cases have been reported since the 1st ultimo, making a total of 91 to date since the 1st January. No case has been recorded during the last four days.

For the week ending 6th May the death-rate was 17.8 as compared with 21.5 in the corresponding week last year. Mr. McCallum added:—The feature of most importance in this return is the death

rate per cent. The first 39 points were scored by Pinckney, the next three scores

went to Meaden, and then Meaden was called twice before Meaden won. Time—16 minutes; score—6-2.

Meaden commenced serving in the third set, and after deuce had been called won the first game. The second game also reached deuce; "change went to Pinckney, and getting up to the net and volleying several times in succession he won." Meaden, however, took the following game.

Pinckney responded by winning a love game.

Pinckney got 16 only in the fifth game, but playing for him was the sixth.

With the game 3-all, and Pinckney certainly showing improved form, it was expected

he would make a strong effort to avert defeat. This expectation was disappointed.

Meaden played his return with consummate ease, served invariably in the best style, and getting in some hard volleys won

the last three games, the set, and the championship. Time, 20 minutes; score,

Final score: 6-1, 6-2, 6-3 in favour of Meaden.

Score:—Mr. E. J. Coxon; umpires: Mr. C. Platt and Dr. Lawson.

On the whole the play was disappointing.

Pinckney did not play up to form, and at no time did he show the brilliancy which enabled

him to win last year against E. J. Coxon

and W. E. Wallace (the previous holder of the championship). On this occasion the accurate volleying at the net and the hard backhand return were absent almost entirely, whilst his fast service was seldom used. He did one or two smart things for which he was readily applauded, but there was a want of spirit in his play from start to

finish. Meaden, on the other hand, played so well from the very start that it was soon apparent that he would win. He tried few "gallantry shots" countaining himself with safe accurate play. At all points of the game he compared favourably with his more athletic opponent. He covered more ground, and no matter where Pinckney placed the ball never considered it too far off to have a try for it. Pinckney's supporters wagged their heads sagaciously and ventured to think Meaden would not last out the if he endeavoured to reach the ball every time, and it was rather a surprise for them that he stayed better than the champion. His returns were hard and well placed, and his serving was both fast and tricky, as occasion required. He also tried volleying more frequently than Pinckney. Several of the games were toughly contested the rally's being well sustained and productive of pretty play, but taken as a whole it was Meaden's exhibition. In all his ties, but more especially in the last he qualified fire with E. J. Coxon, he has played remarkably well, and he fully deserved his hard-earned victory.

THE SANITARY BOARD.

The Sanitary Board met this afternoon, there were present: Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart (President); Hon. E. A. Cooper (Vice-President); Dr. Ayres, Colonial Surgeon; Mr. F. H. May, Acting Captain-Superintendent of Police; Mr. N. J. Ede, Mr. J. Francis, Q.C., Dr. Gandy, Mr. D. Humphreys, Mr. Lau Wai Chuan, and Mr. Hugh McCallum (Secretary).

DRAINS.

Mr. J. D. Humphreys moved that the recommendation contained in paragraph 12 of Mr. Chadwick's letter dated the 9th July, 1890, viz., that the Board should, if requested, be in a position to undertake the construction of house-drains at the cost of the owners of the houses requesting them to be so-redrained, receive early attention with a view to giving practical effect thereto. He said there could be no doubt that, generally speaking, it would be to the advantage of the owners of houses and all others concerned if the Board could undertake the construction of house drains. The point raised by the Sanitary Board deserves consideration.

The President said he quite agreed with Mr. Francis that the Board had nothing to do with what was actually requested in this petition, but he had received it with the object of bringing what might be called "the washing question" before the Board, as it seemed to him that it was one which ought to be referred to the Board's consideration and that the time had arrived for dealing with it.

It was agreed to let the question stand over till next meeting.

COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED DAMAGE TO CLOTHING.

Some correspondence was submitted to the members with reference to a claim for compensation for alleged damage to clothing, during the process of disinfecting the same. Mr. McCallum made the following protest:

1. On the 11th March it was notified to me that Mr. Burnie of the Lee Yee Sing Sugar was suffering from smallpox and had been admitted to the Hospital.

2. The room occupied by him was furnished, &c., in the usual manner, and the clothing, though taken to the steam disinfecting station.

3. The clothing was returned to the Laundry Mr. Plage, who appeared to be acting as Mr. Burnie's friend, pointed out to the Inspector that he was of opinion the clothing had been damaged. The Inspector promptly reported this to me, and I went down and examined the clothing.

4. The alleged damage consisted in the discolouration of the clothing in places, and I am inclined to think that this discolouration was caused by the superheated steam in the disinfecting action on badly dyed cloth which had already begun to deteriorate from other causes.

5. I am of opinion that compensation for the alleged damage should be given.

6. It had to be remembered that Mr. Burnie was removed to and treated in the public hospital for infectious diseases for the most part, if not entirely at the public expense. For I feel sure any fees charged for his treatment in Hospital would not cover the cost of his removal to the hospital, his medical attendance, nursing, maintenance, &c., while in the Hospital.

7. It is quite true that all this has been done in the interests of the public, but Mr. Burnie has been directly benefited thereby, and in addition to also have the Sugar Refinery and the employers in the Sugar Refinery.

8. Mr. N. J. Ede—I should say that compensation cannot be claimed unless there was negligence on the part of the disinfectors. I imagine it would be very difficult if not impossible to properly disinfect clothing without discolouring it, except it were of the very fast materials and of the fastest colours. The Inspector says there was no other damage to the clothing such as burning, &c.

9. Dr. Gandy—I have at various times had complaints of a similar nature. No damage should ensue to any clothing by the steam disinfection, always excepting kid and fur material. Other clothing should not be affected.

10. Mr. J. Francis, Q.C.—Prima facie there is negligence. Either the disinfectors are not in the best kind or else it is not worked with sufficient care. I am of opinion that the operation is for the public benefit only, and is done for the public benefit.

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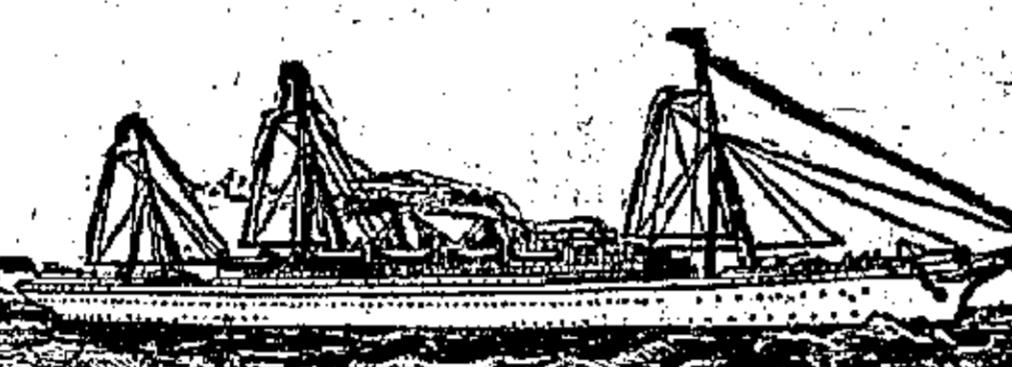
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